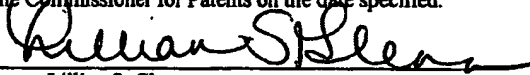


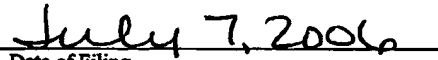
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APPLICATION NO. 10/715,246**

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Respectfully submitted,

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	Art Unit	1645
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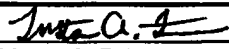
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